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To: Lisa Sauve
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Subject: RE: Resignation from Planning Commission

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I'm sorry to hear Commissioner Sauve! I'm forwarding this to the City Clerk's office, who will share the communication with the Mayor and Council.

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Subject: Resignation from Planning Commission

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Dear Brett,

I'm writing to formally resign from my position as Planning Commissioner for the City of Ann Arbor. I am willing to remain in my role until the end of the year or a suitable replacement is appointed, whichever is sooner.

Throughout my time serving, I've remained dedicated to learning and contributing progressive change within our land use and development practices. The traditional frameworks of zoning continue to create barriers that prevent inclusive development and diverse communities. I believe our current ordinance and deliberation process does not adequately challenge or aim to revise these outdated frameworks. Rather, it inadvertently perpetuates these barriers by exchanging existing restrictions with new expectations. With my focus on contributing to the community through impacts of the built environment, I no longer see my role on the planning commission fitting my capacity and priorities.

My involvement started based on the barriers I saw to realizing projects from an architect's perspective by helping update ordinances and remove unnecessary burdens to encourage more development for small businesses and housing. During my time I am proud of the progress we've made including; the removal of parking minimums, continuing resolution of inclusionary zoning practices, updates to ADUs, and TC-1 adoption. The ability to review a variety of proposed projects has helped highlight ordinance updates necessary to create outcomes more aligned with our community goals. With limited staff capacity during the comprehensive planning effort, it feels difficult to participate in a process that puts many expectations on projects without the available time to update the ordinances accordingly.

I appreciate the continued effort of staff and my fellow commissioners and I will remain committed to supporting the efforts while I am a member of this community. Collaborating with such dedicated and passionate professionals has been an enriching experience. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sauve

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